being borne by the borrowers It is therefore the normal practice of banks to recover the actual expenses incurred by their officials for undertaking inspections. RBI has further reported that the visits are generally undertaken once a quarter and, in exceptional circumstances or for special reasons, the banks may increase the periodicity of such visits.

(c) RBI has reported that an inspection register is maintained at branches. The Field Officer or the Manager is required to record details of such visits in the register and any adverse features are broguht to the notice of the next higher authorities.

(d) The above practice is considered to be reasonable and hence the question of stopping the practice may not arise.

Interim Report of Fifth Pay Commission

*91. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the Fifth Pay Commission to submit an interim report in view of the inflation and rise in prices of various commodities with a view to compensate the Central Government employees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Government have requested the Pay Commission to submit their recommendations on whether another instalment of interim relief may be granted to the Central Government employees. It may, however, be clarified that interim relief is not linked to inflation. For rise in prices, the Government employees are compensated through periodical increase in the rates of Dearness Allowance in accordance with the accepted formula of the Fourth Pay Commission.

भारत और मलेशिया के मध्य संचालित उड़ानें

*92. श्रीमती मालती शर्मा: क्या नागर विमानन पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय भारत तथा मलेशिया के बीच सप्ताह में कितनी उड़ानें संचालित की जा रही हैं,

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि दोनों देशों के बीच उड़ानों की संख्या में बढ़ोत्तरी करने के लिए कोई बातचीत हुई है, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसके परिणामस्वरूप सप्ताह में दोनों देशों के बीच कितनी अतिरिक्त उड़ानें संचालित किए जाने पर विचार किया जा रहा है या किया गया है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री सी०एम० इब्राहिम) : (क) दोनों पक्षों की नामित विमान कम्पनियों द्वारा इस समय भारत और मलेशिया के बीच प्रति सप्ताह 13 उड़ानें प्रचालित की जा रही हैं।

(ख) और (ग) : अप्रैल, 1996 में समझौता-वार्ताएं हुई थीं, परन्तु कोई करार नहीं हो सका।

Non-performing advances in Banks and Financial Institutions

*93. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total non-performing advances in banks and Financial Institutions during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the recovery through Special Recovery Tribunals during the last three years, year-wise and

(c) the amount written off/settled through compromise during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Total Non-Performing advances of public sector banks and financial Institutions during

1993-94 and 1994-95 (latest available) have been as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	1993-94	1994-95
Public Sector Banks	41041.33	38385.18
Financial Institutions*	9109.00	9247.00

*NPAs indicated are before provisions and write-offs and exclude the loans guaranteed by the Government/ECGC.

(b) The Debt Recovery Tribunals have not yet completed three years of their functioning since these were established in the year 1994-95. The Reserve Bank of India have reported that a sum of Rs. 129.79 crores had been recovered by Public Sector Banks through Debt recovery Tribunals upto 31.12.1995.

(c) the amounts settled and written off through compromise by Public Sector Banks for the year 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 have been given in the Annexure. [*See Appendix 178, Annexure No. 14*].

Landing of foreign air services on domestic routes

*94. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration regarding operation of foreign air services on domestic routes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cases of FERA Violation

*95. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many notices were issued by the Enforcement Directorate to the violators of foreign exchange regulations during the last twelve months with details of the individuals and body corporates thereof;

(b) in how many cases prosecution proceedings were launched and in how many cases penalties were imposed with details of each such case;

(c) how many cases of foreign exchange violations are pending in various courts of the country as on date with details thereof; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to expedite these cases?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) During the last twelve months ending June, '96, 2379 Show Cause Notices were issued, including 91 to body corporates, for violation of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act. (FERA).

During this period, prosecution proceedings were launched in 127 cases. Convictions were pronounced in 18 cases.

As on 1.7.96, 2043 prosecution cases were pending in various courts.

The efforts required to collect the details of these cases will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(d) Regular liaison is maintained with the Government Counsels for early hearings in these cases so that they may be disposed of expeditiously.

Long Pending Media Issues

*96. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any final decision in regard to long pending media issues e.g. uplinking, Prasar Bharati, foreign media and cable policy;